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ON RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER PRIMARY COMMODITIES

1. SUMMARY. INTERPRETERS STRIKE APRIL 23 RESULTED IN FORMATION OPEN-ENDED WORKING GRUP TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC INSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS RELATED TO RAW MATERIALS SURVEYS AND ECONOMIC MONITORING. SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WERE BRIEFLY PRESENTED BY FRANCE, JAPAN AND U.S. AFTER WHICH IT WAS NAPICIPATED PRELIMINARY DRAFTING GROUP WOULD MEET APRIL 24 TO ATTEMPT CONSOLIDATED TEXT. APRIL 24 MEETNG ABORTED BY FRENCH DESIRE TO INTRODUCE THEIR PROPOSAL FOR ECONOMIC MONITORING CENTER SEPARATELY. U.S. INFORMED JAPAN THAT IT WAS AWAITING MORE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS IN RESPECT INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF EXPERTS TO UNDERTAKE SURVEY OF NON-RENEWABLE AND RENEWABLE RESOURCES. AS RESULT, JAPAN DEVELOPING FOUR SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS AS FOLLOW-UP TO THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION IN EARLIER

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PLENARY SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. INTERPRETER STRIKE APRIL 23 RESULTED IN AMBASSADOR SEIGNORET (TRINIDAD TOBAGO) EXTEMPORANEOUSLY GATERING OPEN-ENDED GROUP TO CONSIDER MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO CONSOLIDATE MAJOR INITIATIVES PRESENTED IN PLENARY OF SPECIAL UNGA SESSION. DISCUSSION FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON INITIATIVES RELATED TO RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER PRIMARY COMMODITIES. SEIGNORET PRESENTED BRIEF OUTLINE INCORPORATING RAW MATERIALS PROPOSALS WHICH INCLUDED PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES POSSIBLE APPROACHES INCLUDING REFERENCE PRICES, AND MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS RELATED TO NEW MACHINERY AND/OR MECHNAISMS AND INSTITUTIONAL APPROACHES. AT U.S. SUGGESTION, AFTERNOON SESSION DEALT LARGELY WITH INSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS IN WHICH FRANCE, JAPAN AND U.S. MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS.

3. MORE SPECIFICALLY, FRANCE PROPOSED CREATION OF ECONOMIC MONITORING CENTER IN AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION WITHIN UN SYSTEM CHARGED WITH FUNCTIONS RANGING FROM COLLECTING DATA ON ACTUAL RAW MATERIAL PRICES TO KEEPING CLOSE WATCH ON PRICE TRENDS. JAPAN RECONFIRMED FOUR SEPARATE PROPOSALS: (1) ESTABLISH A UN AD HOC ADVISORY, GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS ON RESOURCES PROBLEMS; (2) ESTABLISH OR CONSOLIDATE EXISTING UN FUNCTIONS INTO, UN CENTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION; (3) REAFFIRM IMMEDIATE NEED FOR BROAD-BASED CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEW REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES; AND (4) DESIRABILITY OF UN UNIVERSITY TO CONDUCT LONG-TERM AND BASIC RESEARCH ON NATURAL RESOURCES. U.S. REITERATED KISSINGER PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF EXPERTS, WORKING CLOSELY WITH UN DIVISION OF RESOURCES, TO UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATELY COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF EARTH'S NON-RENEWABLE AND RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND DEVELOP A GLOBAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM TO FORESHADOW IMPENDING SURPLUSES ANE SCARCITIES. U.S. RESPONDED TO BRAZIL QUERY ON WHETHER SATELITES WOULD BE USED IN SURVEY AND EARLY WARNING DETECTION, BY SUGGESTIING U.S. WOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO ANY AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF EXPERTS.

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4. THOUGH PROPOSALS FOR ADVISORY PANELS OR GROUP OF WISEMEN TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF RAW MATERIALS PROBLEM WERE MADE EARLIER IN PLENARY BY FRG, PHILIPPINES, AND GHANA, THEY DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN OPEN-ENDED APRIL 23 MEETING. AT END OF AFTERNOON SESSION, SEIGNORET PROPOSED FORMATION SMALL DRAFTING GROUP TO MEET MORNING APRIL 24 CONSISTING OF RRANCE, JAPAN, U.S., FRG, PHILIPPINES AND GHANA. DRAFTING GROUP MET APRIL 24, BUT LATTER THREE

AGAIN DID NOT ATTEND THOUGH INVITED. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH FRANCE (CHOLLET) JAPAN (TANIGUCHI) AND U.S., FRANCE RESISTED EFFORT TO DRAFT RESOLUTION COMBINING THREE COUNTRIES PROPOSALS. CHOLLET WAS OF JUDGMENT THAT UN ECONOMIC MONITORING CENTER SHOULD BE INTRODUCED SEPARATELY, IF INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS WERE TO BE DEALT WITH AT WRAP-UP PLENARY. U.S.M INFORMED JAPAN THAT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF EXPERTS EXPECTED SHORTLY. JAPAN CONCLUDED THEY HAD NO RECOURSE BUT TO INITIATE RESOLUTIONS SEPARATELY IN SUPPORT OF THEIR FOUR PROPOSALS.

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